## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

RE: ORDER ON POSTPONEMENT OF JURY TRIALS AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTROOMS AND COURT SERVICES OFFICES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-02

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued an amended order entitled "EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING COURT SERVICES," ("Order"), which governs court operations to foster public safety, reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus and the incidence of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Order requires the Administrative District Judge to enter an administrative order defining the safety protocols that will be required in the county's courthouse and postpone jury proceedings if determined that the county has a seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 of 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population as reflected on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-19 Data Dashboard ("Dashboard"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative District Judge has determined upon review of the Idaho Dashboard of COVID-19 on January 7, 2022, that BANNOCK COUNTY, CARIBOU COUNTY, and FRANKLIN COUNTY meet the conditions set in the Order under sections 2 and 7(b) to require an administrative order to define safety protocols and postpone jury proceedings.

## **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective January 7, 2022:

- 1. Jury trials in BANNOCK COUNTY, CARIBOU COUNTY, and FRANKLIN COUNTY are postponed for the week of <u>January 17, 2022</u>, through <u>January 21, 2022</u>, pursuant to sections 7(b) of the Order;
- 2. All persons entering a BANNOCK COUNTY, CARIBOU COUNTY, or FRANKLIN COUNTY courtroom or court services office to do court business are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth, pursuant to section 2 of the Order;
- 3. All persons entering an BANNOCK COUNTY, CARIBOU COUNTY, or FRANKLIN COUNTY courtroom or court services office to do court business are required to maintain six feet of social distance from anyone who does not live in their household, pursuant to section 2 of the Order;
- 4. All persons entering a BEAR LAKE COUNTY, ONEIDA COUNTY or POWER COUNTY courtroom or court services office to do court business are welcome to wear a facemask and practice social distancing. Presiding judges in a courtroom may, in the exercise of discretion, require appropriate social distancing and/or the wearing of masks that cover the mouth and

nose of individuals during a proceeding;

5. All BANNOCK COUNTY, BEAR LAKE COUNTY, CARIBOU COUNTY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ONEIDA COUNTY and POWER COUNTY court proceedings, other than those required to be in person pursuant to the Order, are presumptively to be held remotely, subject to the discretion of the presiding judge and after making findings on the record, that the proceeding must be held in person because of the court's needs or to prevent undue prejudice to a party, pursuant to section 2 or the Order.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

ROBERT C. NAFTZ

Administrative District Judge Sixth Judicial District

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cc: Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of the Courts All Sixth Judicial District Judges Trial Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial District All Sixth District County Clerks All Sixth District Jury Commissioners